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1. SUMMARY: AUGUST 19 MEETING OF PREPCOM III HEARD BRIEF STATEMENT BY ITALIAN REP (REPRESENTING EC-9), PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CRP 1 BY MALTA, AND FINALLY LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF NEGOTIATING/DRAFTING GROUPS TO PREPARE FINAL DOCUMENT TO BE FORWARDED TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. NET OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION WAS THAT G-77 WILL PREPARE DRAFT OF FINAL DOCUMENT TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR FURTHER FORMAL AND INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS DURING PREPCOM. END SUMMARY.

2. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF EC-9, NOTED THAT GROUP HAD RESPONDED BOTH ORALLY AND IN WRITING TO G-77 POSITION CONTAINED IN CRP 1. EC-9 WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS AND INCLUDED A DRAFT
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RES ON INDUSTRIALIZATION WHICH WAS PRESENTED AS BASIS

FOR DISCUSSION. HE SAID THAT EC-9 STUDYING G-77 PAPER ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CRP 1/ADD 2) AND WOULD COMMENT ON IT LATER. TURNING TO FUTURE WORK OF PREPCOM III, ITALIAN PROPOSED ESTABLISHING NEGOTIATING GROUP (OR GROUPS) TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE POINTS BEFORE PREPCOM.

3. MALTA REP PROPOSED FOLLOWING NEW PARA TO CRP 1 (TO GO BETWEEN I(A) (IV) AND (V): "INSURE THAT THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT NET EXPORTERS OF RAW MATERIALS AND COMMODITIES ARE ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED." IN MAKING PROPOSAL, REP CITED PREVIOUS STATEMENT BY G-77 SPOKESMAN (MEXICO) THAT CRP 1 OPEN TO CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGES. HE SAID THAT PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL WAS TO PROTECT FRAGILE ECONOMIES SUCH AS MALTA FROM INCREASED PRICES OF BOTH COMMODITIES AND FINISHED PRODUCTS WHICH IS IMPLICIT IN THE CONCEPT OF REGULATING RAW MATERIAL AND COMMODITY MARKETS. WHILE AVOIDING THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE, BOTH ALGERIA AND MEXICO ARGUED THAT SUCH PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY COMING FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRY, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN G-77 FORUM BEFORE BEING DISCUSSED IN PREPCOM AS A WHOLE. MALTA REP SUBSEQUENTLY EXPRESSED "APPRECIATION" OF THE NEED TO DISCUSS HIS PROPOSAL WITH THE G-77.

4. FOLLOWING FROM OPENING STATEMENT BY ITALIAN REP, THERE WAS LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON SETTING UP NEGOTIATING GROUPS. ALGERIAN REP ENDORSED THE CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, SAID THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD PRESENT CONCRETE PROPOSALS DURING PREPCOM, BUT THAT CRP 1 SHOULD BE THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION BOTH AT THE PREPCOM AND AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. MEXICO DESCRIBED LATEST VERSION OF CRP 1 AS FINAL POSITION OF G-77 WHICH SHOULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR DECISIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. NORWAY (ON BEHALF OF NORDICS) SUPPORTED ITALIAN SUGGESTION FOR NEGOTIATING GROUPS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. INDIA ARGUED THAT IN VIEW OF CONTINUING SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES AMONG GROUPS, HETEROGENEOUS DRAFTING GROUP WOULD NOT BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME; RATHER, G-77 SHOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO FORMULATE A FINAL DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD THEN SERVE AS A BASIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR NEGOTIATIONS BOTH AT PREPCOM AND AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. PAKISTAN SUPPORTED NEED FOR CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS BUT SAID MORE TIME REQUIRED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO FIND COMMON GROUND. HE ADDED THAT LIMA MEETING WOULD BE HELPED IF BASIC AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED AT PREPCOM III. UK PROPOSED TURNING PREPCOM III INTO INFORMAL SESSIONS TO START NEGOTIATIONS, BEGINNING WITH AREAS IN WHICH AGREEMENT SEEMED CLOSE.

UK ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT OTHER GROUPS ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE G-77 RESPONSE TO THEIR PROPOSALS/OBJECTIONS/ COMMENTS MADE DURING THE VARIOUS G-27 CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS. JAMAICA NOTED PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN ESTABLISHING IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE "IN TONE AND WORDS"; HOWEVER HE CONTINUED, QUESTION IS WHETHER THIS CAN BE REALIZED IN FORMAL SESSIONS. HE SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL FOR BROAD-BASED CONTACT MEETINGS. NORWAY SAID THAT NORDICS STILL WAITING FOR G-77 RESPONSES TO THEIR COMMENTS ON CRP 1 BUT THAT CRP 1 SHOULD REMAIN THE BASIS FOR CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS. ALGERIAN REP SUPPORTED INDIAN PROPOSALS FOR AN EXCLUSIVE G-77 DRAFTING GROUP BUT STATED CLEARLY THAT FINAL PRODUCT WOULD BE BASED ON CRP 1. HE ADDED THAT ALL PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO PREPCOM THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE LAST-MUNUTE SURPRISES AND TO PERMIT NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS WITH HOME GOVERNMENTS. THIS SUPPORTED IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTIONS BY MEXICO AND ARGENTINA.

5. US REP (KITCHEN) RECALLED RES 1980 AT 59TH ECOSOC AND STATED THAT WHILE WE WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ISSUES BEFORE THIS PREPCOM, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PRECLUDE FURTHER PROPOSALS BEING INTRODUCED BY MINISTERIAL LEVEL REPS AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING WHEN ECOSOC RES 1980 WAS APPROVED. FINALLY HE NOTED THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO STUDY G-77 PROPOSAL FOR A FINAL DOCUMENT, IN PARTICULAR THE DEGREE TO WHICH VIEWS OF THE OTHER GROUPS WERE INCORPORATED.

6. CHAIRMAN BENNANI CLOSED THE DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS TO SET UP NEGOTIATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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